IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tomihiko AZUMA

Title: BUSINESS INFORMATION

SYSTEM AND METHOD OF MANAGING BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Appl. No.: Unassigned

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Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows. The changes to the specification are provided in a "Version With Changes Shown" section of this amendment.

Page 10, fourth full paragraph (lines 11-14), please replace it with:

Figs. 15(1) and 15(2) are diagrammatic views illustrating another example of the customizing information stored in the customizing information registering unit of Fig. 1:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 6, 2001

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